

**REMARKS**

This application is proposed be amended in response to the Office Action mailed April 27, 2009, in order to place the application into form for allowance. Allowance of claims 2-4, 8, 11, 15-19, and 34 is noted with appreciation.

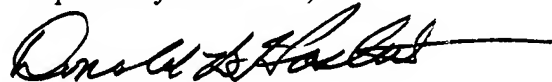
The Examiner finally rejects claims 5-7 under 35 USC § 112 as being indefinite. The examiner takes the position that the term "rubber-like" renders the claims indefinite as including elements not actually disclosed. Claims 5 and 6 have therefore been amended to recite "resiliently soft thermoplastic elastomeric material . . .," as suggested by the Examiner. The rejection under 35 USC § 112 should therefore be withdrawn, and claims 5-7 should now be found allowable.

The Examiner rejected claim 10 as unpatentable over Hung et al. in view of Thompson et al. and further in view of Shyr, and further in view of Students. Claim 22 was rejected as unpatentable over Hung et al. in view of Shyr and further in view of Students. Claims 10 and 22 have both been canceled, as well as claims 29 and 32, dependent, respectively, from claims 10 and 22.

Claims 28 and 30-31 were previously withdrawn, and the examiner is requested to rejoin and allow those claims, which depend from allowable claims.

The Examiner is requested to enter the foregoing amendments, to re-examine the application in view of the above remarks, to allow claims 2-8, 11, 15-19, 28, 30, 31, and 34, all the remaining claims, and to pass the application on promptly to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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